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Subject: Certification of Testing, Adjusting and Balancing (TAB) Firms Per UFGS 15990A

Applicability: Information

1. Background: Presently UFGS 15990A requires Associated Air Balance Council (AABC) or National Environmental Balancing Bureau (NEBB) as the standard under which the TAB firm's qualifications are approved.
2. Notice: The National Energy Management Institute's (NEMI) Testing, Adjusting and Balancing Bureau (TABB) contractor certification program, that is only available to SMACNA members and chapters, has been added to UFGS 15990A as a third standard for certifying TAB firms. This criteria change to UFGS 15990A was effective in April 2003.
3. Recommendation: An administrative modification should be issued to existing construction contracts that do not include the new criteria when a TABB certified contractor is submitted for approval. This will be a no cost modification. Projects under solicitation may be amended to include the new criteria. This should improve the competitive bids for this phase of each contract. Designers should include the new criteria in future designs.
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